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Letter dated 13 December 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1535 (2004).

I wish to inform the Council that I have written to the Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 1535 (2004) and informed her that I stand ready to support the Committee in its decision to declare the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate operational.

I wish further to inform the Council that it is my intention to review the reporting lines of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, within the framework of resolution 1535 (2004), and stand ready to work with the Council in this review.

As you are aware, the mandate of the Executive Director will expire at the end of the year, in accordance with the proposal on the revitalization of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (S/2004/124, annex), in which it is stated that "the Executive Director will be appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation and subject to the approval of the Security Council, following articles 97 to 101 of the Charter and the United Nations staffing rules and regulations. The initial term of the Executive Director will expire on 31 December 2005. Any subsequent terms will be on a yearly basis". It is my recommendation that the mandate of Javier Rupérez be extended for one year.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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